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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of:

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For: **DEVICE FOR LOCKING THE STEERING SHAFT OF A  
MOTOR VEHICLE**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 13, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2007. This response is timely in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-6 presented in this application is requested in view the amendments and comments presented herein.

**AMENDMENTS**

**Amendments to Claims**

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading "LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS". The listing of claims supersedes all prior listings of claims presented in this application and shows the status of all claims pending in the application. Presently proposed amendments are also shown in the claim listing and any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves all rights to the originally disclosed and claimed subject matter.